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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services

1. At the urgent request of Robert Smart I met with him today. He indicated that the pressures were building up in connection with the resolutions for a Joint Committee on Intelligence which were in Rules Committee. The pressures included Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Rules Committee and the Speaker of the House. Consequently, the Speaker and Mr. Kilday met this morning and reached an understanding that the newly constituted CIA Subcommittee would undertake a detailed and thorough review of the Agency and would meet with the Agency thereafter at least once a month.

2. The new members of the Committee as furnished by Mr. Smart were as follows:

Paul J. Kilday (D., Tex.), Chairman
Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.)
Richard E. Lankford (D., Md.)
George Huddleston, Jr. (D., Ala.)

James E. Van Zandt (R., Pa.)
Bob Wilson (R., Calif.)
Frank C. Camara, Jr. (R., N.J.)

Note: The Chairman, Carl Vinson, and the ranking minority member of the full Committee, Leslie C. Areeda, are ex officio members of this Subcommittee. Mr. Smart will function as counsel for this Subcommittee.

3. Attached is a staff memorandum which includes a suggested list of items to be covered in an early meeting between CIA and the Subcommittee. Mr. Smart indicated that the Agency is welcome to make suggestions concerning this list and any other items which we believe

should be covered. Mr. Smart stated that it was the desire of the Speaker and Mr. Kilday that this review be extremely thorough and detailed with CIA being completely frank with the Subcommittee and holding nothing back. Smart stated further that this activity was to be considered a backfire for the pressures relating to resolutions for a Joint Committee. Other details will be worked out as this progresses.

4. It was requested that Mr. Dulles meet with Mr. Kilday in the Committee rooms at 9:30 a.m. on 10 February. This matter has been discussed briefly with the Director and the meeting with Mr. Kilday has been confirmed to Mr. Smart's secretary.

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Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is the make-up of the new CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services as furnished by Mr. Smart and a Staff Memorandum outlining the scope of topics to be questioned in meeting with the new Subcommittee. The proposed meeting with Mr. Kilday has been confirmed in the Committee rooms. Mr. Smart advises that Mr. Kilday welcomes your bringing with you staff aides indicating "it might be desirable for others to hear firsthand the seriousness with which this situation must be regarded."

S/ John S. Warner
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